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How to Make Homeschool Fun for Your Children

There are various things to be considered if you plan on homeschooling your child. However, if you think you can do it, then do all the best you can to render everything that your children need without risking the quality of education you are giving to them. Also, you do not have to be a qualified teacher or have any type of special qualifications in order to homeschool.

Steps

1. **Make sure homeschooling is the right choice for you and your family.** There are many reasons why children may want to be homeschooled. For instance, parents may homeschool children due to bullying at school, and for religious reasons (you may feel that the school is not giving your child a proper education).
   - In the UK, you only have to write a letter to the headteacher explaining why you are going to take your children out of the school. If you are not in the UK, investigate the different laws/rules to take your children out of the school that they are attending.

2. **Get your curriculum before taking the child out of school.** There are many different ways of homeschooling your child. One of the most popular choices is online/virtual school. This is a way that is free in the USA, but unfortunately not in the UK, as there are private online schools that are quite expensive.
   - Another popular option is to order a pre-packed curriculum that includes worksheets to mark. These are not as expensive as online private schools, but if you are looking for one pack per subject, they normally cost between 150-300 pounds.
   - Consider buying different types of textbooks that cover each subject you choose to study online or from shops. This is one of the best, and quite cheap, ways of home educating. You can get good textbooks, that, for example will tell you how to solve a math problem in detail, whereas others just give the questions.

3. **Plan your schedule.** If you choose to do virtual school, the school will give you times to be on the website and probably the duration of time that you should be using the website. However, if you decide to learn from textbooks, then you can choose what you want to learn for that day and how long you would like to do it for.
   - The average person wants to study about two to three hours a day. You do not need to do it for six hours, like an average school day, as much of the time is wasted in schools, particularly with lunch and recess. You should study at least two subjects per day, but it is advisable not to study more than four subjects per day.

4. **Do not let your kid be un-socialised.** Children should be part of at least two clubs, in order to make new friends or stay in contact with old ones. There are also home school co-ops; they are in loads of areas, can help each other and swap textbooks. Your child will make plenty of new friends at the meetings!

5. **Make the lessons fun.** To make the lessons fun, it is best to know if you are learning something interesting in history or science. You can always go on field trips after you have finished the subject. Places may include the museum, the zoo, or an aquarium.

6. **Watch DVDs or something educational.** This will always help with a child's education and will keep them more involved in the work.

- Go beyond a textbook; this will make homeschool more engaging for children. For music lessons, you can have the children join a music class, or you can buy an instrument and teach different techniques through YouTube videos and teach that way! For P.E, you can have the children go roller/ice skating or swimming; these are all fun ways to get exercise. Also, you can join a sports team or go to tennis, ice skating, football classes. This is a fun way to make new friends!

7 **Know the laws.** In some states or countries, you need to keep a portfolio of all the work you or your child has been doing. It is good to keep one, as you can show this to a college or university as proof of what you have been learning, when your children are ready for college.

8 **Be there when your child needs help.** It is quite difficult for children to homeschool themselves, and it requires much dedication and commitment in order to get a good education.

Tips

- Find activities that your child is interested in, and have him or her join plenty of clubs to make friends.
- Try un-schooling your children. Un-schooling allows children to learn things that interest them by going on trips, watching educational shows and reading interesting books.
- If you are looking for Christian Curriculums, try ACE (non-internet) or Alpha Omega Academy (internet)

Warnings

- Sometimes your child may get lonely, try going to a local YMCA or allowing them to join clubs.
- Make sure you want to homeschool your kids, and that you have enough dedication to give them a good education.
- Home educating is illegal in some countries. For example, it is illegal to homeschool children in Germany and many countries in Europe.
- Before you buy a textbook or join an online school, look at reviews on it.
- If you have your children join an online program, your children are technically not homeschool student; they are still

public/private students. In online schools, students have teachers teaching them, and you are in a virtual classroom with other students also watching it.

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